



Syria bars MNF from attempt to save stranded motorists

BEIRUT. — American and Italian troops trying to reach scores of motorists trapped in the snow-bound Lebanese mountains abandoned the attempt yesterday because Syrian troops controlling the disaster zone refused to let them in.

At least 39 people have so far been found frozen to death on a bleak stretch of the main Beirut-Damascus highway in the worst natural disaster to hit Lebanon for years.

An unknown number are still stranded in the snow, and Lebanese rescue teams are struggling to reach them.

A U.S. Marines spokesman said the Syrian army, which controls the worst affected part of the highway, had given permission for the Americans to try to rescue people by helicopter but not to come in by road.

However, helicopters which twice attempted to reach the scene were forced back by storms still raging in the mountains. The marine spokesman said, "We are going to try the helicopters again first thing in the morning."

An Italian spokesman said his contingent, which has no helicopters, had also been told it could not enter the Syrian-controlled area.

A convoy of nine U.S. assault vehicles, big 17-ton armoured troop carriers, and a smaller Italian group including a specially-equipped tank, waited for several hours at the Lebanese Defence Ministry just outside Beirut while officers discussed what to do next.

The convoy would have had to cross into the Syrian front lines 30 kilometres east of Beirut to reach the hardest-hit area, the ski resort of Dahr al-Baidar.

The U.S. spokesman said the Marines had also been told by Israeli forces manning positions along the highway that the road up to the disaster scene was impassable.

The IDF yesterday had cleared snow from its section of Beirut-Damascus road enabling the MNF forces to reach Syrian lines, it was reported yesterday in Tel Aviv. A source who had travelled on part of

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No let-up forecast for stormy weather

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter
BEIT DAGAN. — Today the thermometer will climb about 10°C-20°C in most parts of the country, but it will still be colder than normal for this time of year, Yona Albert, the duty weatherman told *The Jerusalem Post* here yesterday.

The rain will let up today and tomorrow but most of the country as far south as Beer Sheva can expect sporadic showers. It might snow in Jerusalem early in the morning.

According to satellite pictures received at the forecasting centre, it looks like the stormy rain and snow of last weekend will return around Thursday. Albert said: "I wish I could promise a sunny Purim but it does not look that way."

A fierce cold front over Italy is

moving slowly towards Israel, which could bring about some bad weather, he added.

Haim Shapiro reports that a number of telephone and electric poles were blown down in Jerusalem yesterday, and in one case, a worker who tried to fix an electric line was blown off his perch. He was taken to hospital suffering from fractures.

After two previous snowfalls this year, the city was ready for Sunday night's snow. Schools were open yesterday morning although a number of pupils took advantage of the opportunity to sleep in. A random survey indicated that about 80 per cent of the children came to school.

About 80 trees were blown down in various parts of the city. About 35 flats were flooded, and the

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Police holding youth who allegedly taunted Grunzweig

By HAIM SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The police yesterday arrested a young man who allegedly harassed and threatened Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig during the march in Jerusalem on February 10, only a short time before Grunzweig was killed by a grenade.

According to participants in the march, the heckler walked in front of Grunzweig, taunting him repeatedly with the words, "Look at me, look into my eyes. This is your last day (alive)."

The suspect, and two others who allegedly attacked the marchers, were taken in by the special police squad set up by Police Inspector General Rav-Nitzav Arye Ivizan, who promised Peace Now leaders

that all those who attacked the demonstration would be brought to justice. Participants in the march had described it as the most violent they had ever experienced.

Yesterday Peace Now supporters who had been in the demonstration visited police headquarters to identify their attackers in photographs and movie films.

The special police squad on Sunday night questioned Rabbi Meir Kahane of Kach and then released him.

The southern district police spokesman yesterday denied press reports that the grenade that killed Grunzweig had been a "special" type no longer used by the IDF. Southern district police spokesman Meir Glibos said last night that it is a common type in current use by the IDF.

Mondale to try for presidency

ST. PAUL, Minnesota. — Former vice-president Walter Mondale, declaring: "I am ready to be president of the U.S.," yesterday entered the race for the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination.

In a speech at the Minnesota state capital, Mondale cited his service in state and federal government and said:

"I have the experience. I know where the talent is. I know the White House. I know how to shape a government. I know how to manage. I know the Congress. I know how to defend this country. I

know how to search for peace. I know who our friends are and who our enemies are. I know our people. And I know myself. I am ready."

Mondale, 55, entered the race after a year of non-stop campaigning.

The campaign for the nomination has a year to go before the 1984 presidential primary season opens.

Since Senator Edward Kennedy quit the contest on December 1, Democratic preference polls have shown Mondale leading his nearest rival, Ohio Senator John Glenn, by two to one. (AP, Reuter).



A rock-slide yesterday evening blocks the road just outside Jerusalem between Ein Kerem and Beit Giora. No one was injured. (Yitzhak Elharar, Scoop 80)

Shcharansky parole is possible—TASS

MOSCOW (Reuter). — Anatoly Shcharansky could be released from prison before serving out his 13-year sentence on charges of espionage, the official news agency TASS said yesterday.

But it warned that "noisy propaganda campaigns" in the West would not help his case, and it bitterly condemned appeals for his freedom from western leaders.

The TASS comment was the second indication that Moscow might consider reducing the jail term handed down to Shcharansky in 1978.

Last month French Communist

leader Georges Marchais said Soviet leader Yuri Andropov had told him in a letter that Shcharansky might benefit from parole.

"Soviet legislation, like the laws of many other countries, does not exclude the possibility that prison terms may be commuted in response to pleas for pardon," TASS said yesterday in a rare response to western protests about Shcharansky's fate.

"But the only grounds for a pardon may be the conduct of the prisoner and by no means noisy propaganda campaigns and attempts to put on pressure from outside," TASS added.

Bourse withdrawals add to inflation fears

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Bank of Israel officials estimate that the public withdrew between IS15 billion and IS20 billion from the stock market last month and that this money is now "on hold," since the public has not yet decided on channels of investment or spending.

In addition to the money withdrawn from the stock market, the public now holds some IS36b. in mature saving schemes which were introduced in 1981 by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. The availability of this money is causing concern at the Bank of Israel and at the Treasury, since a large flow of liquidity could be translated into a spending spree, which would increase both inflation and the demand for imports.

In an effort to curtail the possible effects of increased liquidity, the Bank of Israel has been pressuring the commercial banks to reduce their credit to the public. As a result, the amount of credit available to the public in local currency has decreased by some IS4b. in the past weeks, from IS71b. to IS67b.

The officials believe that it is the large increase in liquid assets held by the public that has caused commercial banks and private companies to begin drawing up plans to attract these sums. As part of these efforts the banks have been attempting to convince private companies to issue shares as a means of capturing the assets held by the public.

According to figures collected by the bank, the public enlarged its holdings in foreign-currency current accounts by between IS10 billion and IS160 million (some IS6 billion) in recent weeks, after a steady fall for some months prior to that.

In addition, the public has increased its assets invested in short-term savings schemes and certificates of deposit (patak and tefas) by IS9b. in the past month — from IS28b. to IS37b. — while chequing accounts have increased by IS1b.

The officials believe that the sums involved provide a rough estimate of the money which the public managed to withdraw from the stock exchange during last month's price drops. It is estimated that the total value of shares decreased by much more than those sums during the same period.

Oil price war feared

LONDON. — Fears of an oil price war, fuelled by Nigeria's weekend decision to slash \$5.50 off the price of a barrel of crude, dominated world foreign exchange and bullion markets yesterday.

The Sterling, a petrocurrency affected by the price of North Sea oil, hit an all-time low against a basket of leading currencies and lost nearly one cent against the dollar, closing at \$1.5343.

U.S. markets were closed yesterday for George Washington's Birthday.

In Saudi Arabia, the official press agency said that oil ministers from the Gulf allies will meet in the Saudi capital of Riyadh today.

The meeting had been widely ex-

pected following the British and Nigerian price cuts.

Producers and buyers of Britain's oil yesterday held off agreement on the \$3 cut.

A spokesman for the British National Oil Corporation (BNOC), Britain's state oil trading company, told Reuters that both sides of the industry were likely to delay agreement on the new price level until developments on the world market become clearer.

The BNOC's proposal to peg the official North Sea price at \$30.50 was followed on Saturday by a Nigerian announcement that its crude was dropping \$5.50 to \$30 a barrel, and pressure may build for BNOC to make a larger cut.

Palestine Council votes today Arafat likely to win go-ahead for diplomacy

Jerusalem Post Staff and Associated Press

The plenum of the sixteenth session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) which is meeting in Algiers is today expected to endorse the recommendations of a special political committee giving PLO chairman Yasser Arafat leeway to pursue his diplomatic initiative.

PNC spokesman Ahmed Abdel Rahman told a news conference in the Algerian capital yesterday that the political committee had stopped short of an outright rejection of President Ronald Reagan's Middle East peace plan, which envisages Palestinian "self-government" in association with Jordan, and ignores the PLO's demand for total independence.

The committee's recommendations also call for the acceptance of the recommendations of last September's Arab summit at Fez, which are widely seen as including an implicit recognition of Israel.

Arafat fought behind the scenes all week against hardliners who demanded a flat rejection of the Reagan plan and also objected to the recommendations of the Fez summit.

In a speech to a plenary session of the council early yesterday morning, Arafat said he wanted to avoid a rejection of the Reagan plan to keep up his unspecified "contacts" with the U.S.

Associated Press writer Aly Mahmoud reported that other delegates of the 400-member PNC said that the recommendation was intended to keep the door open for future talks with Israel through Jordan's King Hussein, under American auspices.

The committee's recommendation, read in part to the news conference by Abdel Rahman, said the

Reagan Plan "in its method and content, does not satisfy the inalienable rights of the Palestinian people, because it denies their right to return to their homeland and exercise self-determination in an independent state of their own."

It continued that "the plan also ignores the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and contradicts international legitimacy. The council declares that it does not accept the Reagan plan as a sound basis for a just solution to the Palestinian question or the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Rahman declined to discuss other parts of the recommendation, but he stressed that it neither accepted nor rejected the Reagan plan.

Knowledgeable sources close to the PNC meetings said the political committee approved the recom-

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Egged bus attacked outside of Tyre

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — An Egged bus was attacked by light arms and rockets yesterday afternoon outside Tyre. There were no casualties.

IDF troops and members of Maj. Sa'ad Haddad's militia searched the area and arrested a number of local residents.

There has been an increase in terrorist activities in Southern Lebanon in recent days. A bomb was discovered and defused in central Sidon yesterday, near where a bomb exploded on Sunday without causing casualties.

The IDF has increased its roadblocks and searches in the Sidon and coastal area.

Berman won't vote with gov't tomorrow

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

Liberal ex-minister Yitzhak Berman said yesterday that he would not vote with the government tomorrow to strike motions off the agenda protesting the co-option of Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon to the cabinet committees on security and on the Lebanese negotiations.

Berman said he did not feel obliged to comply with coalition discipline because the co-option of Sharon to the two bodies had never

been discussed in Liberal forums and was, moreover, in violation of the Kahan commission recommendations.

Three motions protest against the co-option: by Mordechai Virshupski (Shinui), Meir Wilner (DPFE) and Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour). A fourth, by Pinhas Goldstein (Likud-Liberals) supports the co-option of Sharon.

Berman will probably be joined in his mini-revolt by Dror Zeigerman, a fellow-Liberal, but is unlikely to attract more rebels against the coalition line.

NEWSBEAT/The Gaza Connection—III

Cash and a roof keeps the illegals coming

IT'S EASY to find the 12,000 Gazans working legally in Israel. The Labour Ministry will cheerfully direct inquiring journalists to the appropriate quarters — municipalities, hospitals, hotels, large-scale construction companies such as Solel Boneh, and major industries such as Polgat and Argaman Textile — where the system works to everyone's satisfaction.

Argaman, a 40-minute drive north of the Strip in Yavne, has employed Gazans since 1969. Today, 200 of the factory's 1,100 workers are from the Strip. All have work permits and therefore receive

their wages through the ministry's payment division, thus ensuring the same pay and social benefits as Israelis. In addition, they are protected by, although not members of, the Argaman workers' committee, which is affiliated with the Histadrut.

It's almost as easy to find the 14,000 Gazans who do not have work permits but are nonetheless paid through the ministry and protected by the Histadrut. Some are employed by the same hotels that hire legal workers. More hold steady jobs with private contractors such as Rubinstein or Gladi, or work in small-scale blue-collar

businesses like auto repair shops. Others work seasonally for the food industry or at packing plants.

According to ministry estimates, another 8,000 Gazans do not have work permits and are paid in cash, which is never declared.

Some six thousand of these are the day labourers who find jobs through the "Slave Markets" in and around Greater Tel Aviv. The other 2,000 hold down steady jobs, but their employers will not, or do not, pay them through the ministry infrastructure. Despite an intensive six-year ministry campaign in the Strip, many of these Gazans still are

unaware that they are eligible for most of the same social benefits as Israelis. Others work for Israeli employers who want to avoid paying both wages and National Insurance dues.

WE SET OUT in search of what must be the most exploited category of all the illegals. The photographer suggests we wander around Or Yehuda. He once worked with Gazans in the industrial zone of this small development town, 13 km. east of Tel Aviv.

Given the town's size and its

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Rains will continue, possibility of light snow in the mountains.

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Nazareth	8	11
Afula	8	12
Shomron	9	6
Tel Aviv	7	11
B-G Airport	9	12
Jericho	8	4
Gaza	7	12
Beersheva	4	12
Eilat	5	17

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Ramat Gan Mayor Yisrael Peled held a reception on Sunday for 160 volunteers who have served in the city's Civil Guard since it was established eight years ago. The commander of the Civil Guard, Nitzav Shaul Givai, was among those present.

ARRIVALS

For the 14th International Biennial Convention of the World Council of Synagogues, being held in Jerusalem from February 21 through March 1, Rabbi Mordecai Waxman, president of the World Council of Synagogues; Rabbi Seymour Cohen, past president of the Rabbinical Assembly and convention co-chairman; World Council of Synagogues; Marshall Wolfe, president of the United Synagogue of America and convention co-chairman; W.C.S. Rabbi Arnold Goodman, president of the Rabbinical Assembly; Mrs. Selma Weinstein, president of the Women's League for Conservative Judaism; 300 delegates to the convention will be participating from the U.S., Canada, Latin America, England and Israel.

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mentation by consensus and its plenary ratification was virtually certain.

The sources said the recommendation intentionally contained "equivocal wording" with which the PLO wanted to give Hussein an unspoken green light to hold peace talks with Israel and to bring the West Bank and Gaza back under an Arab flag.

The Palestinians want to set up their own independent state in the West Bank and Gaza, with East Jerusalem as its capital before accepting a confederation with Jordan, Rahman said.

But he added that "the principle of confederation has been laid down (in the recommendation) and will be submitted to the council for formal approval."

He said the PLO political committee also recommended endorsement of the plan for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement adopted by Arab leaders — including Arafat — in Fez, Morocco, last September.

Rahman said Arafat had rejected the resignation of prominent moderate Issam Sartai, who stormed out of a PNC council meeting and flew to Paris on Sunday. Sartai complained that he had been denied the floor to address the

Gan Shmuel relegated

Post Sports Reporter

Hapoel Gan Shmuel's bid to avoid relegation from the National Basketball League failed last night when they were convincingly beaten 85-63 by Maccabi Haifa in the final round. They go down to the second division as does Elitzur Tel Aviv.

Hapoel Haifa's effort to nab the last playoff place was thwarted when they were crushed 116-92 by Hapoel Ramat Gan.

Other results:
Maccabi Eilat 93, Hapoel Afula 92;
Maccabi Tel Aviv 112, Elitzur Tel Aviv 94;
Cob scored 50 points for the losers and finished as the league's top scorer.

Hapoel Holon 83, Hapoel Tel Aviv 80; Bnei Tel Aviv 91, Hapoel Haifa 76.
The playoffs begin next week.

EMBASSY OF FINLAND ADVISES THAT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

will be held in Finland on March 20 and 21, 1983

Those who do not have the opportunity to cast their votes at that time in their voting district in Finland have the possibility of voting abroad before the election dates:

FINNISH CITIZENS in Israel can cast their votes at the EMBASSY OF FINLAND, Beth Elahu, 2 Rehov Ibn Gabirol, Tel Aviv. The Embassy will be open for voting every day from February 20 to March 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 12 a.m.).

Every Finnish citizen who became 18 years of age before the end of the year 1982, and is or has been registered in Finland, has the right to vote on presenting his or her Finnish passport.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Parties vie for votes on rabbinate extension

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

There was excitement in the Knesset last night over the proposed amendment to the Chief Rabbinate Elections Law, which would postpone the election for 12 months until March 1984. The first reading is to be held this afternoon.

This government bill would leave Sephardi Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef president of the Chief Rabbinate Council for another year and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren president of the Supreme Rabbinical Court of Appeals for the same period.

The coalition appeared to have a serious problem last night whipping a majority together for the bill, mainly because of seven or eight Liberal MKs in the Likud who said they would insist on a free vote, and hinted that, at the least, they would abstain.

Prime Minister Menachem Begin is to meet with the coalition executive today before the plenum session opens to try to persuade all coalition elements to support the extension of the chief rabbis' terms.

The coalition, which last week mobilized its full strength of 64 against the full 56 of the opposition, does not yet know which way the Tami and Agudat Yisrael factions

intend to vote on the first reading today. The final reading is to be only next week.

Tami Deputy Minister of Social Affairs Benzion Rubin told reporters that if Tami is assured that after the 12 months' extension another extension would not be demanded, it may support the government bill. The Tami faction is to convene today.

Aguda MKs, who are also to convene today, would only say last night that their faction would take a united stand one way or another.

Last time the chief rabbis got their term extended the Aguda abstained, but that was because the Likud and the Alignment made a deal between them and so neither wooed the Aguda. This time the Aguda, knowing it can tip the scale either way, will exhaust its bargaining power to the full.

The Alignment is to meet this afternoon before the plenum opens to discuss a proposal by Labour leader Shimon Peres that all its members oppose the bill. Dov Ben-Meir (Labour) last night said he favours the bill. However, Rabbi Menachem Hacohen (Labour) may ask permission to vote according to his conscience. The Alignment has 50 MKs, the DFPE four, and Shitui two.



At a memorial service at Jerusalem's Mt. Herzl yesterday marking the 14th anniversary of the death of prime minister Levi Eshkol, are (right to left): Prime Minister Menachem Begin, Miriam Eshkol, Levi Eshkol's widow, and Labour Party chairman MK Shimon Peres. Others who attended the ceremony included Knesset Speaker Menachem Savidor, Knesset members and many friends and colleagues of the late prime minister. (Rahamim Israeli)

ARAFAT

council on his move to establish contact with "progressive Israelis."

On Sunday night, Arafat addressed a PNC meeting that continued behind closed doors until the early hours of Monday morning. Council members said he ignored the headline attacks on his peace policy that have marked the week-long council session, but implicitly accused the hardliners of setting the stage for the Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the PLO's expulsion from Beirut.

Referring to an Arab summit conference in Fez in 1981 that collapsed because of Syrian objections to any moves toward peace with Israel, Arafat declared: "We paid the price for the collapse of the first Fez summit. It was the lives of 70,000 Palestinian martyrs killed in the invasion of Lebanon."

At a second summit last September, Arab states adopted a peace plan which for the first time suggested mutual recognition and co-existence "between all states" in the area, while calling for an in-

dependent Palestinian state on the West Bank and Gaza with East Jerusalem as its capital.

"What price would we have to pay if we again reject the Fez plan?" Arafat asked, without mentioning his headline critics. "I am not going to beg you to endorse it (the Fez plan). I have delivered my message. The decision is up to you."

Council members said his audience responded with several minutes of wild applause, showing that, despite the headline attacks, Arafat had the support of an overwhelming majority of the council's members.

He criticized the Reagan plan for ignoring the PLO and the Palestinians' right to independence, but urged the council to avoid rejecting the Reagan proposals outright.

"The Reagan plan is not enough," Arafat said. "But to turn it down flatly would deprive the PLO of its links with the United States and of the (Arab) sources of badly needed financial aid."

Abdel-Rahman said that the PNC would endorse the Fez plan and "whoever doesn't approve has full liberty to withdraw from the PLO."

Experts debate psychiatry, law and ethics

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Widely differing views on the extent of control that psychiatrists should be permitted to exercise over the mentally sick within the context of growing demand for individual liberties, were expressed at the first International Congress on Psychiatry, Law and Ethics, which opened at the Dan Carmel Hotel yesterday.

Some 200 psychiatrists, psychologists, jurists and rabbis from Israel and 14 other countries are attending the four-day meeting.

Health Minister Eliezer Shostak said Israel had recently introduced in all psychiatric institutions a form all patients sign that clearly sets forth patients' rights to appeal against compulsory hospitalization, refuse treatments, maintain contact with family friends and lawyers and apply for discharge or transfer.

Prof. Sir Martin Roth, of Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, felt the pendulum may have swung too far towards liberalization, leading to doubts of the psychiatrist's right to

treat potential suicides or resuscitate those who have swallowed lethal doses of pills, because this might violate their rights.

He thought there should be a demarcation line between psychotics, whom the law must not be allowed to hold responsible for criminal actions, and those suffering from the vast range of psychiatric conditions; "which have given the sanity defence a bad name," who must be held responsible.

Dr. Larry Gostin of Oxford University, legal director of the National Association for Mental Health in the UK, said "Much clearer scientific evidence is needed" for the assumption that psychiatry can indeed classify disorders and prescribe effective treatments.

Dr. Gunther Ammon, president of the World Association for Dynamic Psychiatry, described his Munich "open" mental hospital, where treatment is based on personal relationship and psychotherapy, rather than chemotherapy. He claimed that the government-supported 80-bed hospital had a 60 per cent cure rate, with another 20 per cent released well enough to

live a better life. But he conceded that he was opposed by "orthodox Freudians and orthodox psychiatrists who believe in the 'pessimistic' endogenous-organic theory" of psychiatric illness.

Dr. George Szekely of Israel, advocated compulsory hospitalization for alcoholics in special wards until they are cured. A sharp attack on American psychiatrists was launched by Dr. Nathaniel Lehrman, of the New York Humanistic Society and retired clinical director of Brooklyn State Hospital, who feared they might "end up killing the patients they are charged with caring for" as German psychiatrists did 40 years ago.

There were more deaths in mental hospitals and poorer treatment results than 30 years ago, suggesting "something terribly wrong," he said.

"Psychiatric stigmatization to destroy dissenters, and the unwitting undermining of individuals distressed by conspiratorial psychological harassments, are ways in which psychiatry injures innocents," he said in a paper titled "The Prostitution of Psychiatry."



President Yitzhak Navon stands with World Council of Synagogues president Rabbi Mordecai Waxman at the opening of the council's 14th international convention at the Moshesh Yisrael Synagogue in Jerusalem last night. Navon is holding a Torah, which was presented in his honour to the synagogue by U.S. Conservative Jewry. (Simonsky, Israel Sun)

Neo-Nazi gang said linked with Palestinian groups

BONN, West Germany. — A "clear trail" links the neo-Nazi gang that attacks U.S. targets in West Germany to Palestinian groups in Lebanon, Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmermann was quoted as saying yesterday.

In an interview published in *Die Welt*, Zimmermann said the banned Hoffmann Military Sports Group had been partly trained by Palestinian groups in Lebanon.

Five suspected members of the ultra-rightist paramilitary group were arrested last week in West Germany and Britain and a sixth was being sought for a series of bomb attacks around U.S. military bases in West Germany.

Two American soldiers were seriously wounded and another narrowly escaped injury in three separate car bombings during a 48-hour period that ended last December 15.

Zimmermann declined to elaborate on the purported Palestinian connection, saying the investigation is continuing.

In Algiers, a spokesman said

yesterday that most anti-Semitic terrorist attacks in Europe since the Palestinian evacuation from Beirut have been the work of the Mossad, the Israeli Secret Service.

Bassam Abu Sharif told reporters the PFLP had "clear information" linking the Mossad to the attacks, but declined to elaborate.

But he said last year's assassination attempt against Shlomo Argov, the Israeli ambassador in London, was the responsibility of the renegade Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal.

He dismissed the possibility that the PFLP would resort to any kind of international terrorism as part of its decision to step up military operations against Israel. It has been official PFLP policy since 1971 that "operations will only be carried out against Israeli forces," he said.

Palestinian operations against Israeli forces were justified, he added, because "we are at war with the Israelis." Abu Sharif is in Algiers with PFLP leader George Habash to attend the Palestine parliament in exile meeting.

Hammer: 'Israel is proof of Nazis' failure'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The existence of Israel is living proof that the Nazis failed in their effort to annihilate their philosophy in people's hearts, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer said in the Knesset yesterday.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda on "50 Years Since the Ascend of the Nazis to Power: the Era and its Lessons." The motion was presented by MKs Yair Taban and Shevah Weiss.

Hammer said: "The world should realize what happened in Germany, where the people just got used to Nazism. People today must realize

that it is wrong to ignore anti-Semitic manifestations. No society, regardless of how cultured it is, can claim to be immune to such dangers."

In his motion, Tzaban proposed that the Knesset organize a large international gathering of parliamentarians, jurists, historians and educators, to be held in Europe under the slogan: "No More Anti-Semitism, No More Racism, No More Nuremberg Laws." Israel, too, must enact "anti-racism" laws, Tzaban said.

The motion was referred to the House Committee.

Most want president who is not a politician

By MARK SEGAL
Post Political Correspondent

TEL AVIV. — A majority of Israelis would prefer the next president of the state to be a man of renown who does not come from politics. This emerged from a *Jerusalem Post* poll conducted by the Modi'in Ezerachi Research Institute among a representative 1,168 adults during the second week of this month.

Question: "Who is preferable to be our next president?" The respondents to this question were divided as follows: 56.3 per cent were for a man of renown not from politics, while 25.7 per cent were for a president with a political background. 9.5 per cent had other ideas, and 8.5 per cent could not decide.

Institute director Dr. Sarah Shemer noted that the ratio of those preferring a man without a political background to one with was more than double. She noted that the higher status groups, especially those with university education, were most pronounced in favouring a president who had not been active in politics.

Ansar prisoners riot

Inmates at the Ansar detention camp in Southern Lebanon rioted this week, burning a number of tents and other equipment in the camp. The disturbance was put down with the help of Border Police specially called into the camp.

New traffic-control system to make B-G tops in safety

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Work is to begin here soon on a new air-traffic control system, which is expected to equal the world's best airports for safety, the chairman of the Airport Authority, Arye Grosbard, said yesterday.

The system will "revolutionize" aviation in Israel, he told *The Jerusalem Post*, asserting that "Flight safety will be brought up to the highest level in the world."

The system includes the "latest word" in American radar, now in use in 96 leading U.S. airports. The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has agreed to lease it to Israel, and three FAA officials have already arrived to install the system and to train personnel, at a cost to the Airport Authority of IS\$7 million.

The radar unit will be linked to an

automatic air-traffic control system called ARTS2, which will display the identity, type and height of aircraft flying in the area under Ben-Gurion Airport control. Such a system does not exist in most European countries, Grosbard said.

Because the new system is safer, air-traffic controllers will be able to reduce distances between planes and thereby increase the airport's capacity by 30 per cent, he added. The system is expected to be completed by the end of 1984.

A memorandum of sale for the ARTS2 has been concluded with its producer and has been approved by the Ministries of Finance and Transport, Grosbard said. He added that he hopes to install the equipment in an envisaged IS\$70m. control tower, whose construction has been approved by the Transport Ministry, but awaits the Treasury's green light.

Accused in Argov attack retracts his confession

By HYAM CORNEY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. — Naouf Rosan, the third of the Arabs to enter the witness box, accused of the attempted murder of Israeli Ambassador Shlomo Argov, claims that his confession, made to police during interviews in the two days after the shooting, was made under duress.

He said yesterday that he was forced to admit that he was a member of a terrorist group and that he was kicked and punched by a police officer. Rosan, whose passport says that he was born in Baghdad, now says that he was born in Deir Yassin, a village "which no longer exists because the prime minister of Israel destroyed it and built a lot of settlements there."

When arrested after the shooting, Rosan had \$1,500 on him and a further \$3,000 was found in his room. Though he denies being a member of a political group, he admits that he supports "all Palestinian guerrilla fighters because they are fighting against their enemy, the Zionist movement."

He told the court he was not in-

involved in a plan to shoot Argov and in fact did not know of the shooting. A verbatim report of the interview conducted by the police later that night and over the following two days shows that Rosan admitted that "it was the job of the three of you" to kill the ambassador, that it was Rosan's job "to protect Said" and to give him a gun, and that the weapons were supplied by Marwan Al-Banna, another of the three. Rosan now says that he did not state this, or that he said it under pressure.

Before the end of Al-Banna's cross-examination, the court was adjourned for half-an-hour because Al-Banna was crying. He had told the court that the so-called "hit lists" were compiled because they wanted to ensure that the organizations concerned, such as the Jewish Blind Society, were not being used "as a cover for the Israeli intelligence service" or "a potential centre for Israeli intelligence activity."

The trial enters its 20th day today and is expected to end some time next week.

Gandhi tours Assam sites where 1,000 said massacred

NEW DELHI. — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi yesterday, travelled to the state of Assam, scene of Moslem-Hindu rioting, after reports that more than 1,000 people had been killed in violence arising from state elections she ordered.

Heavy security cloaked the prime minister's arrival at Tezpur, 1,600 kilometres east of New Delhi. She flew over Gauhati, Assam's main city, where Assamese agitation leaders declared a nine-hour general strike against her government.

Gandhi later spent several hours visiting the scenes of the worst violence; Cohpur in northeastern Assam and Nelli in the central part of the state.

As many as 1,000 people may have been killed in Nelli alone last week by Hindu tribespeople rioting against the placing of Moslem settlers from Bangladesh on the voting lists, Indian news agencies said.

Tribesmen armed with spears, axes, bows and arrows killed an estimated 800 to 1,000 men, women and children in an eight-hour attack last Friday on villages of the Nelli area, reports said.

The casualty count and other details of the Nelli massacre were incomplete because the 19-day agitation has paralyzed communications in Assam, which has long been off limits to all foreigners, including journalists.

Gandhi's government was accused in parliament by opposition leader Madhu Dandavate of using "Hitlerite tactics" in imposing an election on Assam that he said amounted to "a live election over dead bodies."

Home Minister P.C. Sethi, however, charged that the opposition were supporting violence in Assam and praised Assamese who voted, saying they had shown "courage to exercise their basic rights."

Safad hospital staff votes for sanctions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — Doctors at Safad's Rebecca Sieff Hospital last night decided on sanctions to protest a lack of manpower which they say has crippled the hospital for almost a year. On Thursday they will operate the hospital on a Shabbat schedule.

At a meeting last night the doctors said that the hospital has been operating in a manner which could be harmful to the patients, due to a lack of doctors, nurses and service personnel. They added that the Health Ministry has not responded to repeated requests to rectify the situation.

SNOW IN LEBANON

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that road yesterday said "walls of snow" could be seen on the roadside.

Some secondary routes were also cleared, and Israeli military sources said help was given to whoever required it.

Lebanese rescue teams were on the road for the third day, however, and police sources said 30 more people had been dug out of the snow alive yesterday. This brought the total rescued to about 270.

The sources said they had no reports of any more bodies being discovered. Twenty-three were found on Sunday and 16 the previous day.

One survivor was a Norwegian diplomat who was stuck in Dahr al-Baidar for 14 hours before Syrian

troops rescued him. "They used snowmobiles. The highway was full of cars, many ahead of us and many behind us," Hans Longva, head of the Middle East section of the Norwegian Foreign Ministry told the Associated Press in Beirut yesterday.

Lebanese state radio said fog was hampering the rescue work. Snow ploughs and rescue teams were out in force in other areas of the Lebanese mountains.

A Lebanese army statement Sunday night said that "one of those found dead on the Damascus highway was a Japanese diplomat. The Japanese Embassy in Beirut yesterday said its officials had gone to investigate and it did not yet know whether the statement was true. (Reuter, AP)

With deep grief we announce the death of our dear.

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formerly of China and a member of Kibbutz Ein Gev for many years. He died after a long illness.

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Sons: Arye Fain and family
Ephraim Fain and family
Baruch Fain
Isai Fain and wife
Sisters: Raya Fain
Vera Fain

The funeral took place at Kibbutz Ein Gev on Thursday, February 17, 1983.

Prisoner found dead

TEL MOND. — Prisoner Zohar David-Hai, 18, was found dead hanging in his cell yesterday afternoon, authorities said. He had apparently made a rope out of his bedsheets.

INVITATION. — The Hungarian Peace Council has invited a delegation of the International Centre for Peace in the Middle East for a week's visit next month.

Yohanan Meroz, new envoy to Berne

Post Political Correspondent

Senior diplomat Yohanan Meroz is to be Israel's new ambassador to Switzerland, it is reliably learned.

Meroz, 61, a career diplomat and one-time secretary to Golda Meir, is in charge of the Foreign Ministry's

Weather has damaged crops—but how much?

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The bad weather of the last week has damaged agriculture throughout the country, but there are conflicting reports among farmers and officials on the extent of the damages.

Some claim that the damage is more than IS7 billion, while others claim that the sum is much lower. Some also claim that the damage will cause some immediate shortages in vegetables and fruits, and that shortages will also be felt in the summer crops. They claim that in some orchards not only the fruit, but also the trees were damaged by the winds, hail and frost and that this damage will be felt in another year or two.

Other farmers claim that the situation is not as bad as others claim.

Amiel Uliel, secretary of the Vegetable Growers' Union pointed out that despite the frost, the weather in the Arava and the south had been good for vegetable growers and there are good supplies of tomatoes which had been problematic for the last couple of weeks.

He said that the wholesale price of tomatoes had gone down to IS35 to IS40 a kilo and that they should be selling in the stores for about IS60 a kilo.

Uliel added that there should be good quantities of vegetables on the market this week and also during the coming month for Pessah.

Shlomo Levy, deputy managing director of the Insurance Fund for Natural Risks in Agriculture, who predicted at the start of the season that this could turn out to be a bad year for farmers, said yesterday that the bad weather has hit all agricultural branches in all parts of the country.

"In the Arava and the Jordan Rift, frost has hit the vegetable crops, especially the tomatoes and celery."

"In the Western Galilee and the Carmel coastal area the strong winds have been playing havoc, especially with the banana crop. Avocados have been suffering from the heavy winds, frost and hail."

"Throughout the country the citrus crop has also received punishment from the winds, frost and hail."

Citrus is our biggest crop and we probably will not have exact figures on the losses until the end of the season and maybe even much later than that.

"In the Geder-Be'er Tuviya area, fruit trees, especially persimmons, have been heavily hit by hail. St. Peter's fish in ponds have been dying because of the frost."

"There has also been severe damage to the flower growers, but since they are not insured with us we do not have exact figures."

Levy was not willing to estimate the damages that the farming community would suffer this year, especially since the winter is still not over. He was only willing to state that it would be several hundred million shekels, compared to about IS140m. that they paid last year.

WZO portfolios possible next week

By JUDY SIEGEL

Zionist Executive chairman Arye Dulzin, who has been acting chairman of a number of departments of the World Zionist Organization for two months, said yesterday that he hopes that the handing out of the portfolios can be accomplished by next week.

Speaking at a meeting of department chairmen, Dulzin said that he was making every effort to bring an acceptable compromise before the coalition parties, who have until now balked over allocation of portfolios.

If a solution is not found, Dulzin warned, the distribution of portfolios may be brought before the entire Zionist Executive plenum, which will meet in Jerusalem in March. The board of governors of the Jewish Agency, scheduled to meet here later this week, will also discuss the problem.

The legal adviser of the WZO, Aharon Zverbaum, presented Dulzin with a legal opinion stating that Zionist Executive members themselves, and not the Zionist Congress or the Zionist General Council (both much larger bodies) have the right to divide up the portfolios.

Maccabi delegates convene

RAMAT GAN. — Fifty delegates from 20 countries are taking part in meetings of the Maccabi World Union Executive Plenary and the International Maccabiah Games Committee, which get under way today at Kfar Hamaccabiah here and continue through Friday.

Stock exchange to move to new building next week

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A spacious visitors gallery — at least in comparison with the present one — will be open to the public at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange when it moves into its new building at 54 Rehov Ahad Ha'am on Monday.

According to David Ottensooer and Yosef Nitzani, joint directors-general of the stock exchange, the new gallery can admit 100 persons at a time — standing room only.

Individual visitors will be admitted on Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, upon application at the information desk at the stock exchange; organized groups will be admitted on Mondays and Wednesdays. There will be no charge.

The visitors' gallery at the present stock exchange holds about 35 persons — also standing-room only. The new nine-story building cost about IS370 million. Of this sum, about 75 to 77 per cent went for the land and for the actual construction; about 11 per cent for the internal communications system; another 4 per cent for office equipment and furniture; and the rest for miscellaneous items. Ottensooer said. In addition, the computer will cost about IS37 million.

Planning the new headquarters began about five years ago when trading on the stock exchange became, according to the joint director-general, a "popular pastime" — which made our present quarters very cramped.

Levy: PLO, IDF must quit Lebanon

Jerusalem Post Reporter

NAZARETH. — Considerable progress has been made in the negotiations with Lebanon, Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Minister David Levy said yesterday, answering questions by high-school pupils in Upper Nazareth.

Levy also said that Israel is determined to foil any attempts to turn Lebanon back into an international terrorist centre, as it had been for many years.

The PLO and the IDF must leave Lebanon and the Americans share our view that Israel's northern settlements will not again be held hostage by the PLO, Levy said.

In answer to another question, Levy said that the rapid development of the West Bank is not at the expense of the Galilee. In the past five years the government built thousands of flats in the Galilee, Levy said, and established 18 new settlements there in the past year.

In addition, Levy said, the government is helping renovate 80 Galilee residential neighbourhoods in the framework of Project Renewal. "The construction of new settlements in the administered territories does not effect Galilee, but is another effort of a national plan to build the whole Eretz Yisrael," said Levy.

Navon urges pursuit of Nazis for both justice and posterity

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

President Yitzhak Navon yesterday took issue with former European Parliament president Simone Veil's recent call to end the hunt for Nazi war criminals. "I think this is an error," said Navon. "Not only must justice be done for as long as possible, but a new generation which does not know or does not want to believe that the Holocaust took place must learn that humans can do such horrible things."

The president was addressing 1,000 delegates from 11 countries to the Third World Assembly of Jewish War Veterans, which opened at the Jerusalem Hilton Hotel. Navon called on the delegates, some of whom fought in World War I as well as in the war against Hitler and in Israel's wars, to "struggle against any signs of pro-Nazism or pro-Fascism around the world."

Those who argue that Nazi war criminals will die out anyway, as

Veil commented on the case of Klaus Barbie, were forgetting the "educational and documentary purposes" of the pursuit and trial of Nazi war criminals, said Navon.

The four-day gathering was opened by Yehoshua Segal, a nonagenarian who moved to Eretz Yisrael in 1913 and fought in the Jewish Brigade in World War I. Prof. Yigael Yadin, a former chief of staff, eulogized Haim Laskov, who died several months ago, and who as president of the Israeli War Veterans League had worked for holding the assembly.

The ceremony was also addressed by Arye Pinchuk, chairman of the Israel league; Baron Edmund de Rothschild, honorary president of the assembly, who was a major in the Jewish Brigade in World War II; Prof. Ephraim Urbach; and Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres.

Earlier in the day, delegates visited Yad Vashem and the military cemetery on Mt. Herzl.

Rafael man chosen for broadcasting job

Nahman Ron, 41, of the Military Industries (Rafael), was chosen yesterday to be deputy director-general of the Broadcasting Authority. He will replace Shlomo Abadi, who has left the authority to head a private communications firm.

The authority's board of directors

also decided yesterday to limit unpaid leave to a maximum of one year, with the director-general able to extend it for a maximum of six additional months in certain cases.

Twelve TV and radio employees have taken unpaid leave in recent months, most to try out jobs in related or competing fields.

Syria again accepting Lebanese produce

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — The Syrian authorities are again allowing the entry of fruit and vegetables from Lebanon into Syria, after obtaining an undertaking from Lebanese farmers that the produce does not originate in Israel.

Syria has clamped down on the import of produce a number of times since the beginning of the war in Lebanon, apparently with the intention of pressing the Lebanese to cut their contacts with Israel. They last halted such trade about three weeks ago.

Duesseldorf delegation visits Haifa

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Duesseldorf University may still be renamed after one of the city's most famous sons — 18th-century Jewish poet Heinrich Heine — despite a previous rejection of the proposal, the mayor of the West German city, Josef Kurten, told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

He said that all the members of the city council had supported the proposal, but it was turned down by the university's board of governors, who favoured another name.

Kurten and 57 Duesseldorf

members of the Haifa-Duesseldorf Friendship League, were guests at a civic reception here prior to the inauguration of a IS15.5 million community centre in Kiryat Haifa which they helped finance. It will be named after Heine.

He said the building project followed his visit to Haifa three years ago where he met Mayor Arie Gurel.

After the reception, Kurten hosted in the council chamber 160 Haifa residents who were born in Duesseldorf.

Patricide sentenced to nine years in jail

BEERSHEBA (Itim).

An Ashkelon man who shot his father to death with a submachine gun during a quarrel was sentenced yesterday by the local district court to nine years imprisonment for manslaughter.

Dato Zonanshvi, 22, was home on leave from reserve duty in Lebanon last July 30 when his parents — who had resumed living together after getting divorced — began to quarrel loudly.

When Zonanshvi saw his father

Aharon, take an axe into the bedroom, he killed his father with a burst of 10 bullets.

The judges permitted the charge against Zonanshvi to be changed from murder to manslaughter during the course of the trial, determining that his father was known to be a violent man who beat his family. The crime was nevertheless "grave beyond comparison," the court ruled, stating that the son "surely could have overcome his father without killing him."

Progress towards public phone firm

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Histadrut and the Civil Service Commission yesterday claimed to have reached a breakthrough in their negotiations to establish a public telecommunications firm.

The two sides exchanged letters agreeing to the establishment of a temporary committee with the power to make important decisions in the communications field. The

committee, which will later be replaced by the company itself, will be answerable to Communications Minister Mordechai Zipori.

The Knesset Economics Committee yesterday unanimously decided to call on the Histadrut and the government to expedite their negotiations on the establishment of the company, which is slated eventually to replace part of the Communications Ministry.

a'acobi raps Likud for 'featherbedding'

Post Knesset Correspondent

The chairman of the Knesset Economic Committee, Gad a'acobi (Alignment), records in ministerial featherbedding and will soon have 29 ministers, and puts ministers out of a total strength of 64 MKs.

Ya'acobi noted that the present number of 19 ministers will go up to in a few days when Moshe Arens

becomes defence minister and the Liberals get the sixth minister due to them because of Yitzhak Berman's resignation last September.

With the economy in such dire straits, Ya'acobi noted, to have nearly half the coalition in ministerial jobs is "blatant cynicism."

K won't confirm Arab League visit report

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

INDON. — The Foreign Office is using to confirm reports from Morocco that agreement has finally been reached on the timing and composition of an Arab League delegation due to visit here.

The visit, originally scheduled for end of last year, was postponed because Britain refused to welcome a representative from the PLO on equal footing with the rest of the delegation. The veto was imposed, is believed, by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher herself.

At the weekend, Moroccan foreign minister Mohammed Boucetta called in the British Ambassador in Rabat, John Cambridge. It is understood that they agreed on March 15 for the visit and it is rumoured that the PLO will be represented by former Haiboul mayor, Mohamed Mihel.

Yesterday, all the Foreign Office would say was that "the Moroccans are well aware of our position and understand it" and that they see no difficulties with the delegation.

Iahjoub' in Tel Aviv

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Palestine Theatre Group, a troupe of young West Bank and East Arabs, will perform their play *Mahjoub, Mahjoub* at the Tzfatia in Tel Aviv at 8:30 p.m. today, the first time it has been put before an entirely Israeli audience.

The play was favourably received in Jerusalem and in Nazareth and a successful tour in Europe last

Ellat in no danger, say quake experts

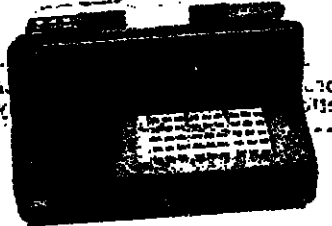
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The recent earth tremors in Ellat present no danger to the town, the Energy Ministry said yesterday in a statement.

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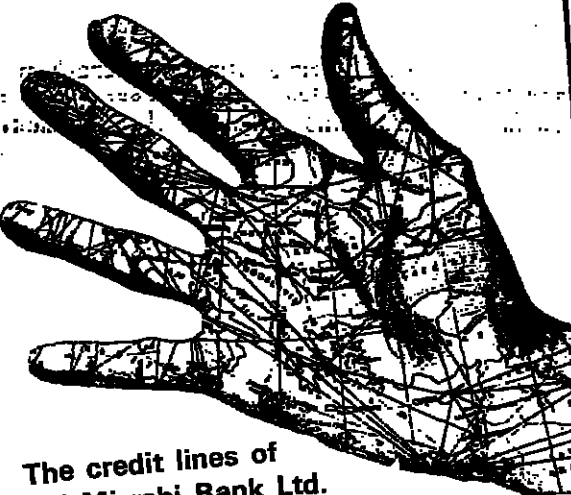
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Nkomo could face charges for 'anti-state activities'

HARARE (Reuters). — Zimbabwe opposition leader Joshua Nkomo said yesterday that the police had told him he might be prosecuted under the country's laws for the maintenance of laws and order and for an alleged currency offence.

Nkomo, who was prevented from leaving the country on Saturday, said that during a two-hour session at police headquarters in Bulawayo yesterday he had made "two or three" statements after being warned and cautioned. He said the statements related to notes he had made about the security situation in his home province of Matabeleland.

He said he was also suspected of trying to export \$300 illegally, but had not been charged with any of-

fence. Nkomo has accused government forces, particularly the North Korean-trained Fifth Brigade, of massacres, rape and looting during anti-rebel operations in Matabeleland.

Minister of State for Security Emerson Munangagwa told the national news agency ZIANA on Sunday that Nkomo had been detained because he had tried to leave for South Africa under a false name. Nkomo has denied this, saying he was only due to pass through Johannesburg on his way to a World Peace Council conference in Czechoslovakia. He insisted that his passport and tickets were in his correct name.

10 die in fire at Japanese ski resort

TOKYO (AP). — At least 10 people were killed and one was still missing last night after a pre-dawn fire destroyed six hotel buildings at a ski resort in Northern Japan.

Fire-fighters battled the blaze for 2½ hours in a snowstorm, with the temperature at -10°C.

The fire was discovered on the second floor of the four-story Zao

Kanko hotel in Zao Onsen (Hot Springs), 300 kilometres north of Tokyo.

The fire spread to a hotel annex and four buildings of the adjacent Kashiwaya Hotel as firemen struggled to reach the scene through narrow, snow-clogged streets. The six buildings, all made of wood, were destroyed.

Soviet premier makes first visit to Greece

ATHENS (AP). — Soviet premier Nikolai Tikhonov arrived yesterday on a four-day official visit, the first by a Russian premier to Greece.

Tikhonov was greeted by Premier Andreas Papandreu and his socialist cabinet at Athens airport and inspected an honour guard from the Greek air force.

No statements were made before the two premiers drove off together.

A crowd of about 1,000 gathered outside the hotel where the Soviet party is staying. A smaller group cheered Tikhonov as he drove by the ancient Arch of Hadrian, the official gateway to Athens.

Placards hanging from trees on the sidewalk said "Welcome to the Soviet premier, bringer of peace" and "Down with nuclear weapons."

Premier Papandreu's bid to create a nuclear free zone in the Balkans has met with approval from the Soviet Union. He also welcomed the Warsaw pact's proposal for a non-aggression pact with NATO.

'Mengele' claims Eichmann was Jewish

MILAN (AP). — A man identified as Josef Mengele, fugitive Nazi war criminal known as the "Angel of Death" of Auschwitz, was quoted yesterday as saying he was a "scapegoat" of Jewish propaganda and claiming that Adolf Eichmann was a Jew.

Milan's weekly magazine *Oggi* quoted a man believed to be Mengele, 72, as saying that executed war criminal Eichmann was a Jew who helped Israel in getting war indemnities from the West German government.

He also claimed that he was a "scapegoat" of Jewish propaganda and that Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal had been an informer for the Nazi command in Bucharest.

Mengele, wanted by the West German and other governments for atrocities committed during World War II, was interviewed in a wild area between Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina by French reporter Hubert Lasserre, the magazine said.

Oggi, a widely circulated magazine, printed the first installment of the interview yesterday. The second and

last one will be in the stands next week. The magazine said they had no proof that the man interviewed was Mengele, but said handwriting tests brought by Lasserre leave few doubts.

The doctor responsible for experiments on children and other inmates and for the death of about a quarter of a million people was quoted as saying that Eichmann "probably was Jewish and was hired by the SS corps because he knew Yiddish very well. Actually he only was responsible for providing coaches for transferring Jews in Poland."

"He rendered a great service to Israel, providing information during his trial in Jerusalem that Jews executed under the Third Reich were six million instead of three. The government of Bonn, which had completed payment of war indemnities in 1960, was forced to resume payments," he was quoted as saying.

According to magazine sources the second installment will talk about Nazi plans to use atomic bombs against the U.S.

Chinese marshal retires

PEKING (AP). — In a major victory for Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping, Marshal Ye Jianying, the 85-year-old warhorse who refused to retire, finally has resigned as China's nominal head of state.

Japanese trade unionist Motofumi Makieda told a press conference yesterday that Communist Party General-Secretary Hu Yaobang told him that Ye has submitted his resignation to make way for younger men.

Western diplomatic analysts described the resignation of Ye as a victory for Deng, who has been urging old leaders to make way for younger blood. More old leaders may follow his example, they said.

Ye, a prominent revolutionary figure, has long refused to resign despite his ill health.

The standing committee of the National People's Congress will meet on February 25 to accept Ye's resignation and name the committee's deputy chairman, Peng Zhen, 81, as his temporary successor, Makieda quoted Hu as saying.

Ye's official title is chairman of the standing committee of China's National People's Congress. Since China does not have a president, he is China's highest ranking parliamentary official and is regarded as the equivalent of head of state.

Iraqi group takes credit for bomb blast

BEIRUT (Reuters). — A previously unknown group calling itself the Movement of Iraqi Mujahedin (Holy Warriors) has claimed responsibility for five bomb attacks on French targets in Pakistan, a Lebanese newspaper said yesterday.

The independent daily *Al-Nahar* quoted a caller as saying: "We shall continue to strike at French institutions everywhere because this state supports Iraq and is working to prolong its war with Iran."

Official sources in Karachi said authorities were questioning several Iranian students about the explosions on Friday night, which damaged Air France's administrative and cargo offices, the French consulate, the Alliance Francaise school, all in Karachi, and the home of France's honorary consul in Lahore.

Mitterrand message handed to Andropov

MOSCOW (AP). — French Foreign Minister Claude Cheysson yesterday met with Communist Party chief Yuri Andropov to deliver a personal message from French President Francois Mitterrand, French sources said.

Cheysson extended his official visit to the Soviet Union by two days to deliver the message himself. He spent the weekend in Leningrad following two days of talks in Moscow with Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko.

At a press conference on Friday, Cheysson said he had reiterated France's refusal to involve French nuclear missiles in U.S.-Soviet talks in Geneva on reducing medium-range nuclear weapons in Europe.

He said on Soviet television Sunday night that Moscow and Paris should work to improve economic and political relations.

Hijacked Libyan airliner still surrounded in Malta

VALLETTA (AP). — Hijackers yesterday threatened to blow up a Libyan Arab Airlines plane with about 160 passengers aboard if Malta refused to allow them to refuel the plane and take off to an unknown destination, a government spokesman said.

Prime Minister Dom Mintoff was negotiating personally via radio with the three Arab-speaking hijackers who pirated the domestic Libyan flight Sunday night and forced it to land on this Mediterranean island, spokesman Paul Mifsud said.

He said Malta was refusing to refuel the Boeing 727 until the hijackers released the passengers. Mifsud said he did not know the hijackers' nationality or political affiliation, but he said they were armed. He did not know what weapons they had.

He said there appeared to be three hijackers, all Arabic-speaking, but he did not know their nationality or political affiliation. He said they were armed, but he did not

know what weapons they had. "All they want is refuelling," Mifsud said. He said the hijackers wanted to take the Boeing 727 to an unknown destination, but had not made other demands.

The flight, which originated in the southern Libyan city of Sabha, landed Sunday evening at the Luqa International Airport on this island-nation 200 kilometres northeast of Tripoli.

Western diplomatic sources in Tripoli said all the passengers were Libyan. Sources at the Valletta airport said there were 160 passengers on the plane, including 45 children.

Police and soldiers surrounded the hijacked plane and negotiations were taking place by radio with one of the hijackers, the spokesman said.

The last hijacking of a Libyan plane was December 7, 1981, when Lebanese Moslem zealots pirated a Libyan Arab Airlines flight from Zurich to Tripoli to protest the disappearance of their religious leader, Imam Musa Sadr, in 1978.

Arsonists light more fires as Australia fights blazes

SYDNEY (AP). — Firefighters battling yesterday to control six-day-old fires 80 kilometres outside Melbourne have had to face fresh outbreaks caused by arsonists.

Victoria State Forests spokesman Ian Murray said three fires had been deliberately lit at the weekend, but had been brought under control. Three of the fires which swept through Victoria and South Australia last Wednesday and Thursday, killing 71 persons and leaving 9,000 homeless, were still burning yesterday.

Murray said 750 firefighters were "racing against time" to control the worst of the fires near Warburton, 80 kms. east of Melbourne, to prevent it flaring out of control.

A man was charged yesterday with starting bush fires. John Jackel, 34, was accused of lighting fires Sunday night at Frankston, about 40 kms. south of Melbourne.

Jackel, the first person arrested on arson charges since the fires began, was freed on bail pending a further court hearing on May 5.

Three persons have been arrested for looting since the fires died down. A police spokesman said yesterday: "There is no way known anyone who tries to loot will get away with it. We are watching for them."

Temperatures rose to 30 degrees centigrade around Melbourne yesterday, but firemen said there was no immediate danger of another big blaze. No fresh fires were reported yesterday around Adelaide, capital of South Australia. (AP, Reuters)

Turkey's leaders warn against early politicking

ANKARA (AP). — Turkey's ruling generals yesterday issued a stiff warning against premature political activity. A communique from the National Security Council, made up of five top-ranking generals headed by President Kenan Evren, said a ban on political activity would remain in force until new laws governing political parties and elections are approved.

The party law is currently being debated in the consultative assembly and is expected to pass within a few weeks. At least another two months would be needed to approve a new electoral law, assembly sources say.

A new constitution accepted in a national referendum last November bars 100 political leaders from all

political activity for the next ten years. In yesterday's communique, the generals accused former party leaders of violating this stipulation of the new constitution and trying to direct and encourage political activity behind the scenes.

The generals have promised to hold elections this October. According to the timetable hinted at in their communique, the new parties would have five months at the most to organize from scratch, choose candidates and contest an election campaign.

The communique said premature political activity would be penalized in terms of an earlier communique, which calls for prison terms of three months and up for violators.

Passenger pilots plane

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP). — The pilot of a charter aircraft passed out in mid-flight yesterday, and one of the five passengers on board took over the controls and flew the plane for half an hour.

By that time, pilot Michael Young had regained consciousness and successfully landed the six-seater plane at Palmerston North, 120 kilometres north of Wellington.

The passenger who piloted the plane was Chris Wells, 35, a housing executive who holds a private pilot's licence. But Wells had never flown an aircraft above cloud level and had never flown a twin-engine plane.

Wells was sitting in the front passenger seat and was able to grasp the controls when Young, 25, collapsed. He said he had "panicked a bit" when he first realised what had happened. He was guided by ground control during the ordeal.

Sports

Home in the rain

By PAUL KOHN
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A heavy downpour in no way worried an enthusiastic England National junior soccer XI who convincingly beat an Israel under-21 side 4-1 at Shafayim yesterday. The match had been switched from the Ramat Gan stadium to the Sharon kibbutz training pitch, which while bumpy and slippery was not entirely waterlogged.

Manager Graham Taylor was content to watch 11 of his delighted squad don a coveted England shirt for the first time. "We had a most useful work-out," he said afterwards.

Despite the result, the sentiment was echoed by his Israeli counterpart Yosef Miromovich, who fielded a new combination as part of his efforts to build a consolidated Olympic side. For the main, however, the local lads were all at sea in the awkward conditions.

Tony Simmons opened the scoring early on by slotting home a David Karskale cross. Israel fought back determinedly and were only thwarted by three fine saves from Coventry's Perry Seelinger. Ron Cohen eventually equalized in the 33rd minute, capped a perfect pass from Ronen Rockman who had made a Mickey Berkowitz style break down the wing. England sharpened their shooting and capitalized on three second half goals through Keith Thompson, Paul Ricketts and Simmons again.

The England youngsters play an Israel representative team at Ramat Gan at 3 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Master of all

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP). — Top-seeded Jimmy Connors captured a record sixth U.S. national indoor tennis championship by building up steam in the first set before crushing Gene Mayer 7-5, 6-0. Connors, who last won this title in 1979 and was runner-up to John McEnroe in 1980, broke the record of five championships he shared with Wylie Grant, who captured his fifth crown in 1912.

"From 4-3, I didn't miss a ball," Connors said. "I seemed to be gliding around the court and felt I could get to anything."

With his victory Connors jumped into second place in the ATP world rankings, behind McEnroe, who leads the standings with 325 points. Connors has 275 and Czechoslovakia's Ivan Lendl, in third place, has 227. They were followed by Cier, Mayer, Wilander, Goldstein, McNamee, Sand and Scanlon.

On the women's circuit in Chicago top-seeded Martina Navratilova swept past No. 7 Andrea Jaeger 6-3, 6-2 in just 60 minutes to collect her third consecutive 1983 Virginia Slims title. Navratilova, the world's ranking women player, had won eight of her 12 previous meetings, including five straight tournament finals dating back to 1980. She has not dropped a set on the tour this year.

King of the Kings

NEW YORK (AP). — Just call him Mike "1½ points a minute" Woodson. The 6-foot-5 reserve guard, in his third National Basketball Association season, came off the bench midway through the first period and played only 32 minutes in the Kansas City Kings 128-106 rout of the Houston Rockets. When he was through, however, Woodson had piled up a stadium record of 48 points.

Elsewhere, the Philadelphia 76ers trimmed the New York Knicks 104-99. The Los Angeles Lakers trounced the Indiana Pacers 126-112. The Milwaukee Bucks slipped the New Jersey Nets 109-108. The San Antonio Spurs defeated the Atlanta Hawks 103-100. The Phoenix Suns forced the Cleveland Cavaliers 103-81. The Chicago Bulls defeated the Boston Celtics 124-111. The Seattle SuperSonics downed the Golden State Warriors 116-112. The San Diego Clippers beat the Utah Jazz 107-97 and the Portland Trail Blazers turned back the Washington Bullets 104-95.

All four divisions had two-way leaders. Philadelphia beat Boston by 7 games in the EC-Atlantic Division; Milwaukee lead Detroit by 11 and Atlanta by 10½ in the EC-Central; San Antonio are 5 ahead of Kansas City, 6 from Dallas and 7 from Phoenix in the WC-Midwest; LA are 8½ better than Portland and 9½ ahead of Phoenix in the WC-Pacific.

Tough hurdle

LONDON (Reuters). — Manchester United and Everton — two of the strongest sides left in the English FA Cup — clash in the quarter-finals of the trophy on March 12. Yesterday's draw handed United, the new favourites following Liverpool's shock home defeat by Brighton, a home tie against Everton, conquerors of holders Tottenham.

The draw has been kinder to Brighton, bottom of the first division. After reaching the last eight for the first time in their history, they entertain fellow strugglers Wolves.

Arsenal while one Second Division side is assured of a place in the last four with Sheffield Wednesday playing at either Crystal Palace or Barnley.

ATHLETICS: Ireland's Emmett Coghlan shot past American Steve Scott on the backstretch of the final lap to win the 1,500m of the Commonwealth Mile in Sheffield, Ohio. His winning time was 3:57.23.

HAIFA 4, 6-5, 9. Annand: Ragtime 6, 9; Amphibious: Mother Lode; Arrows: Needles; E.T.; Arrows: Color: Lion Man; 10, 2; Devil's Brigade: 12, 4, 8; Mariah: Tarzoon Shave; The Jungle 7, 9; Oasis: The Verdict 4, 6, 3, 9; Orion: Girls on the Threshold 4, 6, 3, 9; Peers: An Officer and a Gentleman 4, 6, 3, 9; Ross: Lemon Popicle 4 at 4, 6, 3, 9; Sharkey: Bye Bye Birdie 6, 3, 9, 15; Kew: Or: The Graduate 9.

RAMAT GAN: Annand: Pantomas 4, 7, 15, 9, 30; Lily: Midsummer Night: Sex Comedy 7, 15, 9, 30; Oasis: Polka-dot 7, 9, 30; The Spaceman and King Arthur 4; Orion: Fire Fox 7, 15, 9, 30; Ramat Gan: Still of the Night 7, 15, 9, 30; Kfir: Hammerhead: Continental Divide 7, 15, 9, 15.

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22.10 Ipi Tombi — musical based on the lives of the Zulu in South Africa. 23.10 Tales of the Unexpected: Bosom Friends. 23.15 News. JORDAN TV (unofficial): 17.40 Cartoons (18.00 French Hour 18.20 JTV 3 Heidi 18.45 Target) 19.00 News in French 19.30 News in Hebrew 19.45 Magazine Zero One 20.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Movie of the Week 22.00 News in English 22.15 Dallas.

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11.30 Education For All. 12.05 Brahms: Liebeslieder Walzen, Op.52 (Cameron Singers, Amer. Itali); Liszt: Piano Concerto No.2 (Louis Kentner, Jerusalem Symphony, Anatole Fischler). 13.00 Berlin: Overture to Beethoven's Cellini; Berlin: Finale from Beethoven's Cellini; Delibes: Excerpts from Lakme; Bizet: Excerpts from Carmen. 14.10 Children's programmes. 15.25 Education For All. 15.55 Notes on a New Book. 16.05 Music Quiz (repeat). 16.40 From the Record Library. 17.35 Programmes For Olim. 20.05 Everyman's University. 20.35 The Haifa Symphony Orchestra, Doron Salomon conducting; with Michael Melzer, flute — Gluck: Iphigenie in Aulis Overture; Mozart: Flute Concerto No.2, K.314; Gabrieli: Canzone for Winds; Haydn: Symphony No.44 in E Minor. 22.00 Arthur Rubinstein and the Guarneri Quartet play works by Schubert, Dvorak and Mozart. 23.00 Shmuel Almog's talk show. 00.10 Music from the Renaissance and the Baroque periods. Second Programme. 6.12 Gymnastics. 6.22 Agricultural Broadcasts. 6.35 Editorial Review. 6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner. 7.00 This Morning — news magazine.

8.05 First Thing — with Ehud Manor. 10.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine. 12.05 Open Line — news and music. 13.00 Midday — news commentary, music. 14.10 Masters of Interest — introduced by Gidi Cazi. 16.10 Health and Medicine Magazine. 17.10 Magazine. 17.25 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine. 18.05 Spotlight — social and state affairs magazine. 18.47 Bible Reading — Job 4:13-21. 19.00 Today — people and events in the news. 20.05 Together with Ezra Kadouri. 21.10 Cantorial Music. 22.05 Looking for Haya Zaidenberg (repeat). 23.05 Two by Two — family counselling. Army. 6.00 Morning Sounds. 6.30 University on the Air — Prof. Zvi Ben-Avraham lectures on Oceanography. 7.07 "707" — with Alex Ansky. 8.05 IDF Morning Newslet. 9.05 Right Now — with Yitzhak Ben-Ner. 11.05 Musical Requests — with Shira Gers. 12.05 Israeli Winter — with Eli Yisraeli. 13.05 One and to the Point — midday magazine. 14.05 Two Hours — music, anecdotes, interviews and reviews.

16.05 Four in the Afternoon — Hebrew Comedy 7, 9; Sweet Movie 7; Tess 8.45; Cinema: Taran Finds a Son 4; Isadora 7; Jason the Lion 9.30; Israel Museum: Julia 6, 8, 30. TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30. Albany: Sex With a Smile II; Ben-Yehuda: Best Little Whorehouse in Texas 4.30, 7.30; Chess 1: E.T. 4.30, 7.30; Chess 2: Missing 4.30, 7.30; Chess 3: A Hard Day's Night 4.40, 7.20, 9.30; Chess 4: Shoot the Moon 4.10, 7.10, 9.30; Chess 5: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 6: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 7: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 8: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 9: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 10: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 11: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 12: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 13: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 14: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 15: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 16: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 17: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 18: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 19: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 20: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 21: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 22: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 23: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 24: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 25: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 26: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 27: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 28: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 29: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 30: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 31: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 32: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 33: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 34: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 35: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 36: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 37: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 38: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 39: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 40: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 41: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 42: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 43: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 44: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 45: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 46: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 47: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 48: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 49: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 50: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 51: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 52: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 53: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 54: Ragtime 4.10, 7.10; Chess 55: Ragtime 4.10, 7.1

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Context

THE MOVEMENT, unlike so many on the Israeli scene, is looking for common ground among people quite different in outlook. The Movement of M'sorati Judaism, otherwise known as Conservative Judaism, has a place in this country and could provide direction in this troubled period.

This view is shared by Uri Gordon, former chairman of the Zionist Organization Young Leadership Conference, and Ilan Rubin, a member of the Likud Executive. They and others explained their views recently at the office of the Movement of M'sorati Judaism in Israel at 26 Serot Ben Maimon in Jerusalem.

Uri Gordon, a sabra, believes that one of the main problems in the coming years will be to define for ourselves the meaning of a Jewish state. What was clear to our grandfathers and grandmothers is not always clear to the younger generation.

The son of a secular home, he feels that Orthodoxy does not provide an answer for him. He wants to be part of a society in which he can attend a synagogue with his family in his own way. If it's good for a Jew in Brooklyn or in

COMMON GROUND

By HAIM SHAPIRO/Jerusalem Post Reporter

Los Angeles, he asks, why is it not good here?

He does not accept the idea that Conservative Judaism has failed in the U.S., a claim based on the growing tendency there toward assimilation. There is no telling, he asserts, what proportions assimilation might have reached had the movement not been active.

Assimilation, he adds, is a threat facing the entire Jewish people, in Israel and abroad. In Israel, he says, the major block to the development of Conservative Judaism is political, but he believes the movement will grow, with congregations throughout the country.

Rubin stresses the importance of belonging to a group in which he and his family can enjoy Jewish tradition without being Orthodox. His children, he notes, often ask him to categorize people and customs. Is it *dait*, they ask, or secular. On the other hand, they love ceremony and want it in their lives.

LIKUD LEADER Ilan Rubin, an immigrant from the U.S., notes some resistance among Israelis to the movement. All too often, they feel that Jews must either be Orthodox or completely secular. But he sees signs that more and more Israelis are looking for their roots and some sort of tradition.

One such Israeli is Shai Ginnor, who is studying at a teacher's seminary. Ginnor first became acquainted with the movement when, as a Third grader, he attended a Rosh Hashana service in Ashkelon. An announcement was made about activities for children, and she decided to go. Since then, she has been active in various groups and summer camp programmes.

In reaction to a question about why a non-religious Jew would bother to attend services, rather than, say, go to the beach, she expressed a certain irritation. The point, she felt, was not synagogue attendance, but dealing with one's Jewishness in the Jewish State.

The M'sorati movement, she stresses, is not a copy of an American form, but an approach to Judaism that emphasizes flexibility.

It is an approach, she adds, which may not necessarily focus on synagogue attendance, but rather on education.

Of the 40 or so youngsters who were in the Ashkelon community's youth programme with her, and who have recently completed their army service, many may not identify with the movement, but they do feel, she says, that they have had the opportunity to know Judaism more closely. They identify as Jews, and not just because of what is written on their identity cards.

Shai describes her family as secular Israelis, as does Ehud Bandel, the movement's first sabra rabbinical student, who expects to complete his rabbinical training in Israel. Bandel says the situation in Israel is deteriorating. He, too, would not define Judaism in terms of synagogue attendance, but he adds that the synagogue is part of Jewish culture.

Bandel, incidentally, is the coordinator for the group that is to set up the movement's first kibbutz, in Galilee. The site of the new kibbutz will be within the 1967 borders.

Although in principle, Bandel says, the group would not object to settlements across the Green Line, they felt there should be a total consensus on the first kibbutz.

As for religious observance at the kibbutz, he indicates that the general feeling is that while each member would be free to follow his or her conscience in private, in public, observance would follow *halacha*, with the members using their interpretation of *halacha*.

About half of the prospective members are from abroad, half from Israel. Most of the Israelis interested in joining the new kibbutz come from Sephardi or oriental families.

According to Rabbi Pinchas Spectre, executive director of the United Synagogues of Israel, the M'sorati Movement has grown rapidly in Israel. In 1967, there were three synagogues in the country. Now there are almost 40. Then, he says, there was a handful of rabbis; now they are all over the country.

In addition to synagogues, he points out, the movement is active in the country's educational system, especially in bringing greater Jewish content to the so-called secular schools. He would like to encourage similar activities in coordination with youth movements.

We don't feel so much that we are building a movement, Spectre says, but rather that we are contributing to the quality of life in Israel.



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The Greater Dan Region Association of Towns (Sewerage) hereby announces that the deadline for submission of the above mentioned Tender has been postponed from March 7, 1983 to April 6, 1983 at 12.00 noon.

Y. Caspi
Chairman of G.D.R. Association of Towns (Sewerage)

NOTICE

The cornerstone laying ceremony for the new central office of United Mizrahi Bank Ltd., scheduled for Wednesday, February 23, 1983 — (10 Adar 5743),

has been POSTPONED

due to the inclement weather.
There will be press announcements in due course for the newly scheduled ceremony.
Our apologies to the public for the postponement.

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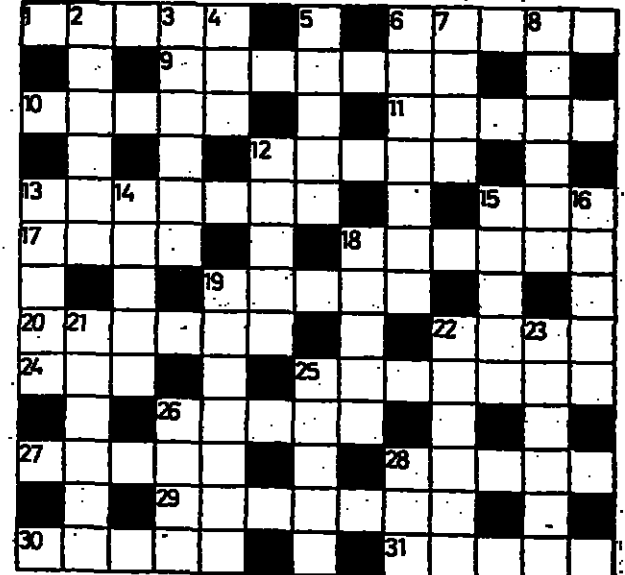


TWO-IN-ONE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC PUZZLE ACROSS

- 1 A handy joint (5)
- 6 Panics that slow down aircraft movements (5)
- 9 Paul shuffled round the border with a flower (7)
- 10 All but one part of a toy may be steel (5)
- 11 For half a day, a chap is capital (5)
- 12 Make a declaration in bad taste (5)
- 13 Crude, very Scottish form of hub (7)
- 15 Reversible vehicle (3)
- 17 A "way-ahead" gas (4)
- 18 One bringing news for a supporter? (6)
- 19 One starting teaching on tour, possibly? (5)
- 20 Singular weapon a bandit may have (3, 3)
- 22 Dregs of ale, especially? (4)
- 24 And not a bit of a snorter? (3)
- 25 Helpers possibly ticked off (7)
- 26 He's safe (5)
- 27 Damon as a wanderer (5)
- 28 Reason for an about turn, in one case (5)
- 29 Getting out of this is against regulations (7)
- 30 Frequently loud when a wrong note goes out! (5)
- 31 Copper coloured maiden (5)

Use the same diagram for either the Cryptic or the Easy puzzle.



EASY PUZZLE ACROSS

- 1 Bottle (5)
- 6 Glue (5)
- 9 Freebooters (7)
- 10 Gether (5)
- 11 Competitor (5)
- 12 Smell (5)
- 13 Propriety (7)
- 15 Zodiac sign (3)
- 17 Poems (4)
- 18 Directs (6)
- 19 Paces (5)
- 20 Quick look (6)
- 22 A greater number (5)
- 24 Listening only (5)
- 25 Less dirty (7)
- 26 Coral island (5)
- 27 Grown-up (5)
- 28 Essential (5)
- 29 Happy (7)
- 30 Force (5)
- 31 Wheel bands (5)

DOWN

- 2 Lounged (6)
- 3 Extra parts (6)
- 4 Family (3)
- 5 Wed (5)
- 6 Allows (7)
- 7 Continent (4)
- 8 Merchant (6)
- 12 Sharp (5)
- 13 Evade (5)
- 14 Conifer (5)
- 15 Fruit (5)
- 16 Willow (5)
- 18 Period (5)
- 19 Coal-bucket (7)
- 21 Pantry (6)
- 22 Illness (6)
- 23 Abuse (5)
- 25 Evident (5)
- 26 Mountains (4)
- 28 Wager (3)

Yesterday's Cryptic Solution

ACROSS — 3, Shaft, 8, To pay, 10, Rolls, 11, G-A-I, 12, Nafad, 13, Pull out, 15, Ma-La, 18, Add, 19, Psyche, 21, Matelot, 22, Rail, 23, Anti, 24, Scaring, 26, Eighty, 29, Ore, 31, Steer, 32, Ho-Ned, 32, Octopus, 34, (w)Rath, 35, N-a-a, 36, Un-f-ht, 37, El-gar, 38, Felon.

Yesterday's Easy Solution

ACROSS — 3, Slabs, 8, Birch, 10, Ruars, 11, Via, 12, Umber, 13, Signora, 15, Arise, 18, Dug, 19, Psyche, 21, Matelot, 22, Rail, 23, Anti, 24, Scaring, 26, Eighty, 29, Ore, 31, Steer, 32, Emerges, 34, Aides, 35, Oil, 36, Smirk, 37, Final, 38, Sense.

Solutions to today's puzzle tomorrow

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Smart gains in services, utilities

TEL AVIV. — The equity market maintained its positive course yesterday, as all sectors of trading, excepted, recorded satisfactory advances. The general share index, commercial bank shares not included, advanced by 0.78 per cent.

The services and trade sector continued to advance sharply, moving ahead by no less than 4.13 per cent. Specialized financial institutions were ahead by 2.25 per cent. The financial results reported by FIBI and the First International Bank of Israel certainly did not detract from the generally favourable atmosphere that prevailed in the share market. However, it would appear that in the case of FIBI and the International Bank themselves there was a modicum of disappointment on the part of the public, with the 100 per cent bonus share announcement. FIBI was ahead by 3.6 per cent and the International Bank shares were up by 3.2 per cent.

The index-linked bond market moved to higher levels in very moderate trading which totalled less than IS110m. The shekel was revalued by one agora in relation to the U.S. dollar.

Insofar as trading in shares was concerned, there were six "buyers only" without a single "sellers only" situation. Moreover, there were 62 securities that advanced by margins of more than five per cent while only 22 fell by similar margins.

The commercial bank group continued to perform according to form. The shares of Israel Maritime continued to outperform the rest of the sector. The 0.1 shares were ahead by 6.1 per cent while the 0.5 shares picked up a 4.3 per cent advance. Danot picked up gains in excess of three per cent. Mortgage bank issues moved ahead moderately, in response to light bidding.

In the specialized financial institution group Clal Leasing 0.1 picked up a four per cent rise. Mishmar-Harel 5.0 shares, with a 10 per cent jump, were the stellar performers in the insurance sector. The Mishmar-Harel 1.0 shares, by

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

contrast, fell by nearly seven per cent. Ararat 0.1 was also in good form, moving ahead by 9.1 per cent.

The hottest thing in town was the services and trade shares. Cold Storage 0.1 was established as "buyers only" for the second speculative session. Today these shares will trade without any price restraints. The Cold Storage 1.0 shares popped up on the "buyers only" list for the first time. The Lighterage 0.1 and 0.5 stocks were both ahead by more than four per cent. Harel 5.0 was up by eight per cent while Delek (R) came through with a 6.7 per cent advance. Cold Bonded 0.1, which was a major loser in the recent market sell-off came through with a gain of 10.1 per cent. Nikov computers 1.0 and 5.0 were both ahead by nine per cent.

Land development and real estate issues moved ahead. The Rassco group appears to have returned to favour and prices advanced smartly. The Rassco pref. scored a 10 per cent rise while the Rassco ordinary were not far behind with an upward move of 9.2 per cent. The Rassco option was up by 9.2 per cent.

Industrials, on balance, were somewhat lower. Urdan industries shares were not traded as the company announced favourable financial results. Zikik 1.0 came through with a 10 per cent rise. The Dead Sea works was 6.2 per cent lower. Sunfrost, a recent strong gainer, was 10 per cent lower. Ayit 1.0 was down by a similar figure. Polgat 1.0 maintained its recent winning pattern and was ahead by more than five per cent. Pargod, a newcomer to the ranks of stock exchange registered issues, was ahead by 5.3 per cent. The attendant Pargod option was up by 11.5 per cent.

Investment company stocks were higher. Elgar (R) gained seven per cent while Wolfson 0.1 was advancing by 6.6 per cent. Export Investments was up by 10.1 per cent. Pryon was ahead by nearly three per cent.

Most active stocks
Mizrahi 984 5,855.5 +6
FIBI 1690 3,926.4 +59
Danot 5.0 520 3,587.1 +18

Because of the formal opening of the new premises of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange there will be no continuous trading sessions on Monday, February 28 or on Tuesday, March 1.

The management of the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange halted trading yesterday in the recently registered trading Atlas shares, because orders received appeared not to conform to conventional trading patterns.

Today will mark the first day of trading for the Sahaf options and they will begin trading from a base of 228.

The shares of Urdan Industries Ltd. did not trade yesterday as the company reported results for the year ending December 31, 1982. The company reported that net profit stood at IS104m, as compared with IS95m, a year ago, a real gain of 9.3 per cent. Net profit per share stood at 130 per cent in contrast to 12 per cent a year ago. The company's consolidated balance sheet stood at IS1.1b, as compared with IS470.8m, a year ago.

STORMY WEATHER

(Continued from Page One)

municipality moved some of the residents to hotels.

In one case, a woman called the municipality to say that her home had been blown away. The woman, a Beduin from the encampment of Hidma, north of the city, had walked eight kilometres to the nearest telephone to make her appeal for help to the municipality's Arab affairs department.

Elsewhere in Jerusalem, roads were flooded and firemen were called in to pump out the excess water from the city's sewage system.

Menachem Horowitz reports from Metula that snow continued to fall yesterday on the slopes of the Hermon and the northern Golan, though with longer breaks between falls.

A number of roads in the north of the country are still closed, and many people did not attend work or school yesterday.

Snow on the Hermon reached 7 metres yesterday. The residents of Moshav Neve Ativ, who operate the Hermon ski slopes, are attempting to open the access road and expect the slopes to be open as soon as the cold spell ends.

Light snow fell in the Upper Galilee and Safed yesterday. Joshua Brilliant reports that about 40 people planning to fly out to Eilat had to travel to Tel Aviv by car because Arkia was forced to cancel two of its three flights from Jerusalem's Atarot Airport.

A UN aircraft on its way to Jerusalem also had to be diverted to Ben-Gurion Airport.

	Closing price ISL,000	Volume ISL,000	Change	% change
Commercial Banks				
IDB p.			—	—
IDB p. r	2409	745	+10	+4
IDB B r	3450	102	n.c.	—
IDB p. A	1401	9	+50	+3
IDB op 7	12051	5	n.c.	—
IDB op 11	1780	163	—30	—1.7
Union r	2180	176	n.c.	—
Union op 4 r	7750	4	+37	+5
Discount r	3408	151	n.c.	—
Discount A r	3088	221	+8	+3
Discount op 2	2520	84	+10	+4
Discount B	359	317	+3	+1.6
Mizrahi b	985	5,855	+5	+6
Mizrahi b	984	216	+6	+6
Mizrahi op 3	16300	7	+150	+9
Mizrahi op 10	4220	8	—50	—1.2
Mizrahi op 11	1722	122	n.c.	—
Mizrahi sc 6	8022	1	n.c.	—
Mizrahi op 7	8052	3	+60	+9
Mizrahi sc 9	380	313	+1	+3
Makdine 0.1	1750	3,015	+100	+6.3
Marltime 0.5	649	929	+27	+4.3
Hapozim p r	5672	2	—178	—3.0
Hapozim r	4055	427	+17	+4
Hapozim b	4055	104	+17	+4
Hapozim op 7	13551	1	n.c.	—
Hapozim op 12	7135	115	n.c.	—
Hapozim op 6	8771	10	n.c.	—
Hapozim sc 8	6030	5	n.c.	—
Lighterage 0.1	1217	735		
Lighterage 0.5	840	1,578		
Cold Store 0.1	4825	b.o.t.		
Cold Store 0.5	8585	b.o.t.		
Israel Electric r	no trading			
Dan Hotels 1	390	158		
Dan Hotels 5	273	95		
Coral Beach	180	1,792		
Coral B. op 1	no trading			
Teta 1	430	511		
Teta op	225	273		
Magor 0.1	161	179		
Magor 0.5	810	58		
Magor op 1	1965	9		
BondWare 0.1	589	301		
BondWare 0.5	294	554		
BondWare op	191	340		
Yahalom	230	412		
Yahalom op 1	151	129		
Nikuv 1.0	850	69		
Nikuv 5.0	599	46		
Nikuv op 1	548	40		
Consort. Hold.	1680	22		
Consortium	1601	56		
Crystal 1	1698	40		
Rapac 0.1	2300	41		
Rapac 0.5	599	100		
Supersol 2	3970	68		

General op 6	18100	4	+200	+1.1	Supersol op 5	1651	6.4
General op 8	7460	8	n.c.	—	Land, Building, Citrus		
General sec 5	2565	7	+15	+0.6	Oren	439	187a
General 7	176	300	+6	+3.4	Oren op 1	837	33
Leumi	215	570	+6	+2.8	Azaron Invest.	500	435
Leumi op 4	10800	6	+50	+5	Azaron op	374	3099
Leumi op 13	1425	98	n.c.	—	Azaron op C	3050	n.c.
Leumi sec 9	1380	2	+5	+4	Azaron op D	1250	52
Leumi sec 11	2860	2	+1	+3.3	Azaron op E	460	142
OHM 1	3335	8	n.c.	—	Africa Int. 0.1	6772	32
Finance Trade	4220	129	+40	+1.0	Africa Int. 0.5	6772	32
Finance Trade	2145	123	+15	+7	Africa op 2	432	9
Finance Trn. Op	1855	13	-16	-9	Africa op 5	420	178
N. American 1	2210	94	n.c.	—	Africa op 10	219	273
N. American 5	2210	94	n.c.	—	Africa op 15	555	18
Danot 1.0	1773	306	+53	+3.1	Arled. op A	1692	175
Danot 5.0	320	3587	+18	+3.6	Ben Yakar 1	1450	17
Danot 5.0	2	942	+10	+4.0	Ben Yakar op	162	94
Danot Int 5	192	2778	+46	+3.2	Baranovitz 1	243	432
HLB	1690	2778	+46	+3.2	Baranovitz 5	160	819

Mortgage banks				Danksh 1	290	985
Adanim 0.1	1450	30	n.c.	Darad 0.1	387	43
Gen Mortgage 1	1920	496	+50	Darad 0.5	183	144
Gen Mortgage 2	1870	16	+40	Darad op 2	302	15
Limud 1	3330	132	+50	HLB 0.1	429	80
Carmel op A	7600	6	+491	HLB 0.5 R	240	344
Binyan	1241	43	n.c.	Property Bldg	1980	133
DevMortgage B	1210	341	+10	Bayside 0.1	2015	155
DevMortgage B	1220	126	+60	Bayside 0.5	1350	98
Mishkan R	5260	10	+60	ILDC R	2305	20
Mishkan b	5260	10	+60	ILDC R	4790	47
Independence	5800	6	+100	ICP R	14790	47
Indep. op 1	3500	2	n.c.	ICP R	305	602
Tefefot p. r	5085	9	n.c.	Isro n	396	1,878
Tefefot b	5150	382	+40	Isralon	460	88
Tefefot b	5030	11	n.c.	Isras op 1	900	484
Tefefot 2%	8632	22	+89	Isras op 1	660	117
Tefefot op A	3700	43	+55	Cohen Dev.	263	222
Tefefot op B	555	538	+8	Cohen Dev. op	209	63
Tefefot d l.	186	1,682	+3			

Financing Institutions				Lumir 5	161	708	
Shilton r	700	361	+18	+2.6	Lumir op 1	103	155
Shilton op 8	1946	—	+125	+6.9	M.T.M. 1.	3350	5
Shilton sc 1		no trading			M.T.M. 5	1750	22
Shilton sc 2		no trading			M.T.M. op 1	1715	1
Ovar Lat. r	1475	303	+25	+1.7	Machadiri r	12000	14
Ovar Lat. b	1490	18	+80	+5.7	Modul Beton	2200	196
Carmel op	3330	30	+3.0	+0.8	Mishael 5	420	240
Agriculture A	15000	7	+1000	+7.1	Mu-Lex 1	204	179
Ind Dev pr.	18360	9	+360	+2.0	Mu-Lex op	152	73
C/lat Lease 0.1	1350	26	+52	+4.0	Meshaleh 1	870	22
C/lat Lease 0.5	604	81	—	—	Meshaleh 5	42	82
C/lat Lease 0.8	479	99	+28	+6.2	Mesh. op 1	322	76
					Lifschitz 1	298	802

Insurance				Lifeschitz op		1334	638
Ayreh r	1402	655	n.c.	Neot A	2801	37	37
Ayreh op	49900	8	+50	+1	Nichiel Hadar	1790	30
Ayreh op B	943	167	-2	-2	Solef Bon. p. A	7190	30
Ayreh op C	943	167	-2	-2	Sharon op	1061	44
Azarat 0.1 r	1699	68	+141	+9.1	Sharon op	1010	5
Azarat 0.5 r	890	353	+25	+2.9	Sharon op	1010	459
Reinsur. 0.1 r	3200	12	-150	-4.5	Casarea 0.5	248	468
Reinsur. 0.5 r	2200	16	+2	+1.4	Rogovin 1	324	74
Reinsur. op 1	180	4	+180	+4.0	Rogovin 5	266	37
Haddor 1.0	988	15	-2	-2	Rogovin op	134	109
Haddor 3.0	655	137	n.c.	Rogovin r	1309	11	149
Haddor op 1	500	53	+14	+2.9	Russco r	887	103
Haddor op 2	2180	280	+25	+2.5	Shenhar 5	180	296
Hassneh B	2330	7	+50	+2.3			

Phoenix 0.1 r	3810	4	+65	+1.7	Agan Chem.	745	417	n
Phoenix 0.5 r	2800	9	-100	-3.5	Agan op.	500	287	n
Hunishmar	283	284	-21	-6.9	Baruch 1	496	80	n
Hunishmar	220	18	+20	+9.1	Baruch 1	390	12	-
Hunishmar op	212	15	-3	-1.4	Baruch 5	202	12	-
Yardenia 0.1 r	1550	55	+80	+5.4	Baruch op	202	12	-
Yardenia 0.5 r	730	1634	+10	+1.4	Urdan 0.1 r		no trading	
Yardenia op	1450	2	-49	-3.3	Urdan 0.5 r		no trading	
Menora 1	255	19	+16	+6.3		929	303	+
Menora 5	1410	20	n.c.	-	Attas 1		no trading	
Sahar r	1865	176	+25	+1.4	Attas op	325	342	+
Securitas r	830	636	+30	+3.8	Atlantic 1	770	259	-
Zur r	2730	33	n.c.	-	Atlantic op 1	102	146	+
Zur op 2	2230	2	-2	-0.1	1.F. Building	438	178	-
Zion Hold. 1.0	542	324	-2	-0.4	Elbit op 1	15100	18	-
Zion Hold. 5.0	298	200	+1	+0.3	Elbit op	13710	2	-
					Alumit 1	680	88	+

Company	Price	Change	% Change
Galei Zohar 1	299	68	+21 +7.6
Galei Zohar 5	185	83	+5 +2.8
Galei Zohar op 1	125	71	-5 -4.0
Dalek 1	466	54	-17 -3.7
Dalek 5	2740	353	+17 +6.5
Dalek op 1	178	163	+6 +3.2
Dalek op 5	217	206	+16 +8.0
Dalek op 10	156	9	+5 +3.3

Bank of Israel exchange rates

February 21, 1983

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U.S. dollar	37.1128	Canadian dollar
British sterling	57.1407	Australian dollar
German mark	15.5057	South African rand
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Swedish krona	5.0353	Japanese yen (100)
Norwegian krone	5.2639	Jordanian dinar
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Fear or favour of Sharon?

PRIME MINISTER Begin's decision to make Ariel Sharon a member of the Ministerial Security Committee and the steering committee for the negotiations between Israel and Lebanon came as a surprise to the ministers. But surprise or not, the ministers dutifully approved, although there were several audacious hold outs, like Mordechai Zipori, David Levy, and Gideon Patt.

Mr. Begin's various spokesmen, probably also taken by surprise, promptly cranked up justifications. The Security Committee, they noted, is not important anyway, being large and unwieldy. And the steering committee is not really where the action is. That is reserved for the smaller forum, which will now consist of Mr. Begin, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and the new Defence Minister-designate, Moshe Arens.

Moreover, they argued, Sharon in committee will be a Sharon muzzled. Ventilating his views in committee will make him a participant, bound to secrecy and restrain any impulse of his to go public in criticism of government decisions on Lebanon or other security issues.

These justifications, however, are almost as surprising as Mr. Begin's action itself. If the Security Committee is unimportant, why do the ministers, who presumably have better things to do, waste their time on it? And why is there then no smaller Cabinet forum that deals seriously with defence and foreign policy matters? The lapses in the Cabinet's decision-making process, as revealed by the Kahan Commission, have shown the urgency of this question.

The same logic can be applied to the steering committee. If it's not important, who needs it? And if it is, why has Sharon been placed on it?

If his spokesmen's explanations indeed reflect Mr. Begin's thinking, the upshot is that Sharon's committee appointments are simply a domestic political ploy by the Premier. He wishes to neutralize the irrepressible Sharon because he fears what the former defence minister might do, and say, untethered. More directly, the premier apparently fears what Sharon will have to say when Israel finally climbs down from the high perch on which Sharon placed it in Lebanon. When that happens Mr. Begin would like to have Sharon's blessing rather than be saddled with the responsibility himself.

Whether the defrocked defence minister will play such a toothless role is open to question. Though admittedly Mr. Begin is a master manipulator of men, especially of those whose political advancement in his party require his good will. Today, more than ever, Sharon fits that description. Eclipsed, of course, by all these subtle calculations of Sharon's nuisance quotient was the Kahan Commission Report.

Lawyers may argue about the formal legal warrant for the decision not to remove Sharon from the Cabinet, as the Commission obviously intended. But even the most practised hunter of legal loopholes must choke on such a fetid dish of impropriety as permitting Mr. Sharon to sit on the committee dealing with decisions over Lebanon.

POSTSCRIPTS

OVER 1,000 New York area youngsters who have reached bar and bat mitzva age have been "twinned" with Soviet Jewish youngsters who are unable to mark publicly their own entrance into Jewish adulthood.

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J.S.I.

TEL AVIV'S Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Yedidya Frenkel believes contributions to *Maor Hittin* this year will do more than provide matza, wine, new clothing and other aid to the needy for Pesach. In his view, the campaign can also help replace the divisions now plaguing our society with love.

"We want to go into the schools and ask children to contribute," Rabbi Frenkel said the other day. "We know we won't get large sums, but we think there's a value in teaching children that a Jew doesn't live only for himself. Unfortunately, even kindergarten children today already know when they love and whom they hate, who's their hero and who's their enemy. Perhaps teaching children to help others will blunt that a little bit."

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THE SHADOW OF SHARON

By HIRSH GOODMAN

IT IS NOW two weeks since the Kahan Commission published its findings. Ten days have passed since the government accepted the recommendations. We have still to hear who will replace head of military intelligence Yehoshua Saguy, or the fate of Chief Paratroop and Infantry Officer Amos Yaron. Nor has a replacement been named for Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan, who is due to leave his post in April.

The argument that no senior appointments should be made before Defence Minister-designate Moshe Arens takes over in about two weeks' time is both logical and acceptable. Nobody is questioning their ultimate dismissal.

But what is neither logical nor acceptable is that ousted Defence Minister Ariel Sharon has been appointed a member of the cabinet's steering committee on Lebanon. Allowing Sharon to remain on the ministerial defence committee was questionable; allowing him to remain a member of the Lebanese committee is cynical.

How else can one view the cabinet's decision on Sunday — allowing the man whose policies were most responsible for the need to appoint the Kahan Commission to continue moulding defence policy? And how could the government repeat the tragic mistake of 1974, when the army alone paid the price while the policy-makers remained untainted?

True, Sharon has lost his job as defence minister. But he retains the power to influence defence policy, specifically in so crucial an area as Lebanon. Meanwhile, the officers have been branded with the very mark of Cain that Sharon promised he would protect them from. And

he continues to have a voice on policy on Lebanon.

If you go, he told the officers last Wednesday afternoon, I will go with you. They go, he remains. To be sure, his influence has been reduced, but nevertheless he retains influence.

To argue that Sharon's input in defence decision-making now is minimal is a flimsy tissue intended to disguise the cheap political reasons that were behind the decision. Do Rafael Eitan, Yehoshua Saguy and Amos Yaron — all men in their prime with just as many battle scars as Sharon — have nothing to contribute? They, however, must go, lost to the defence of Israel. But Sharon is apparently so necessary that the spirit of the law must be forfeited on the altar of political expediency.

IT IS ALSO futile to argue that Prime Minister Menachem Begin appointed Sharon to these committees knowing that his former defence minister would have no influence. The expression, I believe, is to be kicked upstairs. How does one logically or ethically explain a decision to kick upstairs a person who was supposed to have been kicked downstairs?

Sharon will have influence simply by being there. He has the facts and figures at his fingertips when other ministers, including the new defence minister, will have to search for data. He knows how the defence establishment works while his replacement still has to learn. He knows who to approach for assessments, and he knows how to influence those responsible for making the assessments.

Sharon will manipulate coalitions within coalitions like he always has.

He will fight by directing self-serving leaks like he always has. And he will filibuster any decision that is not to his liking, like he always has.

Who knows this better than the cabinet that voted to allow Sharon to remain on — and not only to remain on but to assume a position of influence. Politics, though, takes precedence over prudence.

Sharon draws votes. He can pull together the crumbling right and keep Tebiya within the coalition. He is the symbol of Greater Israel in its confrontation with Peace Now; of the Israeli underdog versus the professor. So they decided to retain him, providing him with what they want to believe is a figleaf of respectability. But they must surely know that they have provided a recipe for Sharon's continued dominance.

In 1977, Sharon was elected to the Knesset on an independent ticket with around 2 per cent of the vote. He joined the coalition despite the protestations of Simha Ehrlich, who is by all accounts an astute politician. Once Sharon was in, Ehrlich thought he would be able to control him. After all, Ehrlich considered Sharon to be an upstart, a political novice.

But it did not take long for Ehrlich to lose count of the number of new settlements going up on the West Bank under the guidance of the supposedly innocuous agriculture minister.

Think of the fumbling attempts by Yigael Yadin and his DMC colleagues, who enjoyed much greater electoral success, to stymie Sharon. He danced round their impotent protestations, sowing settlements while they whined.

Ezer Weizman and Moshe Dayan

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — I was sworn at, hit, kicked, had stones thrown at me, and spat at for two hours. (The police lacked the necessary numerical forces and did little to control the situation.) Finally, Emil was killed, because of his political views, after he had marched beside us.

I came to this country seven years ago and fought as a reservist in a paratroop unit on both the eastern and western fronts during the Lebanese war, despite my objections to the war following attainment of the operation's initial goals. Three times this year, attempts have been made to kill me — once by the Syrians, once by PLO terrorists, and now by Jews. Since my aliyah, I have never felt so frustrated, confused and fearful for my future.

Thursday was our Crystal Night. The question now is how we, the general public, should continue the democratic process. We could search for ways of avenging the death and continue our struggle as a physical one, but I fear that would only worsen the situation. We could behave in the same way as the Jews of Germany did in the 1930s — that is hide at home and hope that the storm will pass. I hope that the

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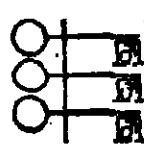
To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — Hirsch Goodman ("A pragmatic hawk for defence" — February 15) is quite right to praise our incoming minister of defence. I have had the pleasure to see him represent and defend Israel on American television with great skill. But is the "unemotional tones of an engineer" the voice that is needed

PENFRIENDS JORG DIETRICH (19), of Kempener Strasse 40, 5 Köln 60, West Germany, would like to correspond with an Israeli girl of his age.

JURGEN BRENDT (29), of Mecklenstrasse 15, Haus 20, D-5160 Duren, West Germany, is planning to visit Israel and would like to correspond with an Israeli woman.

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Lessons of Jewish history have been learned and that we shall not surrender to violent forces, as our nation has done for 2,000 years. If we are too weak, we shall lose our democracy, but if we return the punch, the violence can only increase.

The only way for us to behave is for all of us to be proud; those to whom democracy is dear should hold their head up and not be afraid. Since Thursday, many Peace Now supporters have removed the movement's stickers from their cars due to fear of attack. This is not the solution. In order to halt the decline, we should all demonstrate tolerance and understanding towards each other, irrespective of political views or ethnic origin.

DANNY BEN-TAL

Jerusalem.

Sir, — I am concerned by the shallow way in which all public personalities have responded to the tragic murder of Emil Grunzweig. People have reacted to the incident

itself, or at best to the subject of violence at rallies and demonstrations.

There has been some talk of looking for the source of this grave problem. But no one has pointed to one of most obvious sources: the Knesset. How can the man in the street be expected to restrain himself when, for years, he has seen and/or heard the way M.K.'s attack each other verbally, interrupt speakers, disrupt sessions — in short, deny freedom of speech to their fellows who were recognized by the chair.

PERRY GAYNES

Jerusalem.

Sir, — There is no question that the grenade killing of Emil Grunzweig was a horrible act. However, I wonder why the newspapers and television devoted so much more attention to it than to the killing of Esther Ohanna, the 20-year-old victim of stone throwing.

Is it acceptable when Arabs throw stones and kill Jews? What kind of memorial park has been built for those killed in Hebron or elsewhere by rock-throwing and stabbing? Perhaps, if we spent as much space on these deaths, there might be a deterrent against rock-throwing and stabbing.

LILA BRODSKY

Jerusalem.

Sir, — Verbal violence — physical violence — demonstrator killed. Keep up the good work: with a bit more effort, we can be another Lebanon.

ISRAEL GUREWITZ

Jerusalem.

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were unable to contain Sharon. Can this cabinet succeed where they failed?

IT IS THUS with great scepticism that one listens to the assurances of the cabinet spokesman that Sunday's decision regarding Sharon was cosmetic; that for all intents and purposes, Sharon has been neutralized.

At a meeting with The Jerusalem Post editorial staff last week, Industry and Trade Minister Gideon Patt said the cabinet defence committee was too large to be important, and that it did not matter whether or not Sharon was on it. Patt said nothing about Sharon being appointed to the Lebanese committee.

In fact, Patt, in justifying the trend in the cabinet to allow Sharon

to remain on the defence committee, emphatically stated that there was no threat since Sharon would have no influence. He specifically mentioned Lebanon.

It would be interesting to hear Patt explain why he did not vote against Sharon being included on the Lebanese committee. After all, there was no question of principle here, other than the ethics involved.

The army should be outraged by the cabinet's decision, as should the public. The officers are being disciplined to the letter; Sharon, by remaining in a pivotal position with regard to Lebanon, has been virtually exonerated.

The legal correctness of the decision is irrelevant. For what is law in a society without ethics?

The writer is The Jerusalem Post's Defence Correspondent.

NAVON FOR PREMIER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, — As a citizen who believes in territorial compromise as the path towards a peaceful solution of the Israeli-Arab conflict, I add my voice to those who are calling on Mr. Navon to lead the Labour Alignment.

There is no point in continuing

the damaging confrontation between Mr. Peres and Mr. Rabin and their chances are nil in a competition with the Likud under Mr. Begin's leadership. Mr. Navon is a leader who is respected and well liked by the Israeli people.

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